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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and add new claims 15-26 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (New). An image forming apparatus for forming an image on a recording sheet, comprising:

an image forming member which forms an image on a wide sheet;

5 a sheet feeder which feeds the wide sheet to the image forming member;

an input section which sets a reference recording sheet having a predetermined sheet size for the wide sheet whose size is larger than the predetermined sheet size of the reference
10 recording sheet; and

a controller which controls the image forming member so as to form an image on the wide sheet such that a first central point of the wide sheet defined in terms of a main scanning

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15 direction perpendicular to a feeding direction of the wide sheet
by the sheet feeder is placed on a first center line of the
image, wherein the first center line is perpendicular to the main
scanning direction, and one side of the image is parallel to one
side of the wide sheet.

Claim 16 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 15,
wherein the controller is adapted to control the image forming
member such that another side of the image coincides with another
side of the wide sheet.

Claim 17 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 15,
wherein the controller is adapted to control the image forming
member such that a second central point of the wide sheet defined
in terms of the feeding direction of the wide sheet is placed on
5 a second center line of the image perpendicular to the first
center line.

Claim 18 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 15,
wherein the controller is adapted to control the image forming
member such that a position of a page image to be formed on an

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obverse side of the wide sheet coincides with that of another
5 page image to be formed on a reverse side of the wide sheet.

Claim 19 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 15,
wherein the controller is adapted to control the image forming
member so as to form the image on the wide sheet such that a
central point of the wide sheet coincides with a central point of
5 the image.

Claim 20 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 15,
wherein the controller is adapted to control the image forming
member with a first adjustment so as to form an image on the wide
sheet such that a central point of the wide sheet coincides with
5 a central point of the image and with a second adjustment so as
to set a reference line along a feeding direction of the wide
sheet by the sheet feeder or a main scanning direction
perpendicular to the feeding direction and to shift the image
from the reference line.

Claim 21 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 20,
wherein the controller is adapted to further control the image

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forming member with a third adjustment to shift the image on the wide sheet.

Claim 22 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 15, wherein the controller is adapted to control the image forming member such that two page images are formed as a one page image.

Claim 23 (New). The image forming apparatus of claim 22, wherein the controller is adapted to control the image forming member such that the two page images formed in the one page image are separated so as to provide space between the two page images.

Claim 24 (New). An image forming method of forming an image on a wide sheet, comprising the steps of:

5 setting a reference wide sheet having a predetermined sheet size for the wide sheet whose size is larger than the predetermined sheet size of the reference recording sheet;

forming an image on the wide sheet such that a first central point of the wide sheet defined in terms of a main scanning direction is placed on a first center point line of the image, wherein the first center point line is perpendicular to the main

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- 10 scanning direction, and one side of the image is parallel to one side of the wide sheet.

Claim 25 (New). The image forming method of claim 24, wherein the image is formed on the wide sheet such that another side of the image coincides with another side of the wide sheet.

- 5 Claim 26 (New). The image forming method of claim 24, wherein a central point of the wide sheet coincides with a central point of a two page image in a first process, the two page image being separated into two separated page images based on a reference line defined along a main scanning direction or a sub-scanning direction in a second process and the two separated page images being shifted on the wide sheet in a third process.